

Philippines Program Summary

The Philippines' Threshold Program focused on improving anti-corruption efforts by strengthening the Office of the Ombudsman, improving revenue administration and increasing enforcement capacity within the Department of Finance.

Program Highlights

The Philippines MCC Threshold Program concluded on May 29, 2009 with all performance targets being met.

Strengthen Revenue Administration

- ★ The final version of the Customs Tariff and Modernization Bill that is in line with the revised Kyoto Convention was drafted and is pending Congress' review.
- ★ Over thirty cases against smugglers were filed before the Court of Tax Appeals and a nearly one hundred Run After the Smugglers (RATS) cases were filed with the Department of Justice. A RATS data warehouse was created to automate importation of customs data to detect undervalued imports and tax leakages.
- ★ The Revenue Integrity Protection Services (RIPS) hotline is operational and the media campaign was completed. Nearly forty officials were charged by RIPS and suspended by the Ombudsman from 2005 to 2009. Procedures for securing evidence were tightened and a policy for records management was drafted.
- ★ Bureau of Internal Revenue's district offices are now 97% computerized and connected to the national automated Integrated Tax System. Over one hundred Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) complaints were filed with the Department of Justice

Office of Ombudsman

- ★ The annual conviction rate at the Office of the Ombudsman increased from 19% in 2006 to 76% in 2008.

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Threshold Status

Status.....Program Completed

Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$21 million

Agreement Signed.....July 26, 2006

Country Information

Population.....83,054,480*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$1,300*